REPRESENTATIVE DIES.
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Dies Sees Committee Guarding U. S. From Fascist Bureaucrats

Tells Forum Listeners Drive on All Domestic Foes Will Be Pressed

The House Committee on Un-American Activities, which recently was extended for another two years, can render a greater service to the Executive and the country by exposing radicals "who would slip into Government positions" to promote their aim of converting our Government into a Fascist bureaucracy, Chairman Martin Dies declared in the National Radio Forum last night. The forum, a Blue Network feature originating in Station WMAL, was arranged by The Star.

"Four four and a half years it has been the duty of our committee to discover and unmask the domestic foes of this country," Mr. Dies said. "During that period we have investigated and exposed more than a hundred Nazi, Fascist and Japanese organizations.

"As a result of our exposure, these organizations have been compelled to fold up and discontinue their activities. Our committee also has ferreted out and exposed the various Communist and Communist front organizations in this country, with the result that fully 60 per cent of these front organizations have been forced to discontinue."

Cites House Confidence.

Pointing out that the House for the sixth time has expressed its confidence in the committee, Mr. Dies asserted that the American people may rest assured that it will continue "without fear or favor to investigate and expose all domestic foes of this country, regardless of the brand of totalitarianism which they promote."

He added:

"In spite of the campaign of ridicule, abuse and misrepresentation which has been conducted against us from the very beginning of our work, the significant fact remains that fully 90 per cent of all the findings of our committee have been confirmed and recognized by the findings of other agencies of

the Government and by the official acts of the administration in prosecuting and outlawing the various Nazi, Fascist and Japanese organizations which we exposed long ago."

In the United States recently, Mr. Dies continued, there has been a trend toward totalitarianism.

"Federal bureaucrats have been gradually taking over the functions of State and local governments and transforming the latter into subservient agencies of the Federal Government," he said.

Sees Congress Losing Power.

"Congress and the courts have lost much of their constitutional power and responsibility because some of the bureaucrats have used the blank-check appropriations made by Congress and the vast delegations of authority to the Executive as means of increasing their own power at the expense of Congress and the courts."

Though it is inevitable in such an emergency as confronts the Nation today that the executive agencies of government be greatly expanded, he said the committee is much concerned over the possibilities that this expansion may present new opportunities for un-American elements to infiltrate into the Government.

Some of the Federal bureaus, Mr. Dies charged, are directed by "socialist bureaucrats," who are not in sympathy with our American system. "The presence of these socialistic planners is not accidental," he said. "It is the result of their carefully laid plans to subvert the American form of government. These professional do-gooders long ago saw in this expansion of bureaus a long-awaited opportunity to impose their socialistic schemes upon an unsuspecting country."

A year ago, Mr. Dies pointed out, Congress appropriated $100,000 to be expended by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in finding out what Government employes belong to subversive organizations. Though the FBI did a thorough job, Attorney General Biddle, he declared, has refused to submit to Congress the FBI reports concerning the subversive affiliations of "several thousand employes, including the 1,124 employes whose names and records our committee submitted to the Attorney General at his request."

Other Investigations.

Investigative agencies of the Civil Service Commission and other Federal agencies, according to information received by Mr. Dies, also have submitted reports on hundreds of Government employes and recommend their dismissal.

"I am convinced that there are hundreds of Federal officials and employes who should be dismissed," he said: "Only a handful have been discharged. The reason the others have not been dismissed is that certain bureaucrats who have the power to discharge have refused to do so because they do not believe that affiliation with subversive organizations or expression of opposition to our form of government constitute sufficient grounds for dismissal."

Socialist Representative Criticizes Dies' Talk

Following is a statement by Albert Hamilton, Washington representative of the Socialist party, in answer to the radio address last night by Representative Dies:

"Mr. Dies in his charge last night that Socialists and other liberals in the Government service were misusing their positions, himself misused the authority granted him as chairman of the House Committee Investigating Un-American Activities. In attacking Socialists, he is attacking an American party much older and far more respected than he and his committee. Of course, there are Socialists employed in the Federal Government, as there are Prohibitionists, various branches of Republicans and Northern Democrats.

"Despite a radio speech by Mr. Dies, there is nothing illegal in the employment of any of these people by the Federal Government. If some of the quotations he credits to Socialists in Government service are un-American, then so are the speeches and writings of Lincoln, Jefferson and some of his own congressional colleagues.

"The attack by Mr. Dies on Socialists and liberals of all kinds makes one wonder whether he is deliberately determined to aid the Communists and Fascists. Nothing must have delighted them more than to know that Mr. Dies was attacking the people who in the labor movement have fought every effort of Communists and Fascists to achieve control."